

MEETING
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POLICE BOARD
CITY OF CHICAGO

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, May 20, 2021
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(VIA VIDEO and AUDIO CONFERENCE)

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APPEARANCES:

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS
GHIAN FOREMAN, President
PAULA WOLFF, Vice President
MATTHEW CROWL
REVEREND MICHAEL EADDY
STEVE FLORES
JORGE MONTES
RHODA D. SWEENEY
ANDREA L. ZOPP

ALSO PRESENT:

DAVID BROWN, Superintendent of Police;
ANDREA KERSTEN, Interim Chief Administrator of
the Civilian Office of Police Accountability;
DEBORAH WITZBURG, Deputy Inspector General for
Public Safety;
KAREN KONOW, Chief of Bureau of Internal Affairs,
Chicago Police Department;
DANA O'MALLEY, General Counsel to the
Superintendent of Police;
MAX CAPRONI, Executive Director of the Police
Board;
MEMBERS OF THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMAND
STAFF;
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Good evening. My name
2 is Ghian Foreman, President of the Chicago Police
3 Board, and I am calling the Board's May 20th
4 public meeting to order.

5 To protect the public's health in
6 response to the COVID-19 outbreak and as
7 permitted by Governor Pritzker's Executive Orders
8 2020-07 and 2021-09, this meeting is taking place
9 remotely. This meeting is open to the public via
10 audio conference and is being carried live by
11 CAN-TV. Those participating by phone are on mute
12 in order to reduce background noise and
13 disruptions. We have a court reporter making a
14 transcript of this meeting.

15 I will begin by taking attendance
16 so it is clear who is participating in this
17 meeting. Please say here after I read your name.

18 Police Board Vice President Paula
19 Wolff.

20 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Here.

21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Police Board member
22 Matthew Crawl.

23 BOARD MEMBER CROWL: Here.

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Police Board member

1 Michael Eaddy.

2 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Here.

3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Police Board member

4 Steve Flores.

5 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Here.

6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Police Board member

7 Jorge Montes.

8 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Here.

9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Police Board member

10 Rhoda Sweeney.

11 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Here.

12 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Police Board member

13 Andrea Zopp.

14 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Here.

15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Superintendent of

16 Police, David Brown.

17 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Here.

18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Interim Chief

19 Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police

20 Accountability Andrea Kersten.

21 INTERIM CHIEF KERSTEN: Here.

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Deputy Inspector General

23 for Public Safety Deborah Witzburg.

24 DEPUTY INSPECTOR WITZBURG: Here.

1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I didn't see you. Hi,
2 Deborah.

3 General counsel to the
4 Superintendent, Dana O'Malley.

5 BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: Here.

6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief of the Chicago
7 Police Department's Office of Operations, Brian
8 McDermott?

9 CHIEF McDERMOTT: Here.

10 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Deputy Chief of Chicago
11 Police Department's Bureau of Detectives, Rahman
12 Muhammad.

13 DEPUTY CHIEF MUHAMMAD: Here.

14 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Executive Director of
15 the Police Board Max Caproni.

16 MR. CAPRONI: Here.

17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: We will now proceed to
18 the items on the meeting agenda. We'll have time
19 at the end of the meeting for public comments.
20 Once again, those participating by phone are
21 currently on mute in order to reduce background
22 noise and disruptions.

23 When we get to the public comment
24 portion of the meeting, we will unmute each

1 speaker.

2 Is there a motion to approve the
3 minutes of the Board's April 15th regular public
4 meeting?

5 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Paula Wolff. So
6 moved.

7 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy. Second.

8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, please say
9 aye.

10 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

12 (NO RESPONSE.)

13 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.

14 Our next regular public meeting
15 will be Thursday, June 17th, at 7:30 p.m.
16 Whether this will be an in-person meeting or
17 remote meeting will be determined closer to the
18 meeting date.

19 As the City starts to open up, now
20 very likely we could be in person. So for those
21 attending remotely now, please continue to check
22 the Police Board's website and we'll update that
23 as we get a little bit closer.

24 Is there a motion to close a series

1 of executive sessions for the purposes of
2 considering personnel matters in litigation as
3 authorized by Sections 2(c)(1), (3), (4) and (11)
4 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act?

5 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved. Paula
6 Wolff.

7 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, please say
9 aye.

10 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed? The motion
12 passes.

13 First up, we have a guest speaker.
14 Professor Andrew Papachristos from Northwestern
15 University will give us a presentation on the
16 Chicago Neighborhood Policing Initiative. Andy.

17 MR. PAPACHRISTOS: Thank you for having me.
18 I'm going to go ahead and share my screen, so
19 please bear with me as I do that. And then I
20 will dive right in.

21 So thank you for having me as a
22 guest speaker today. Hopefully, you only see one
23 slide, which is the title slide, and I'm going to
24 be reporting back today on a set of interim

1 findings and a series of recommendations that we
2 just released from the Northwestern Neighborhood
3 and Network Initiative, N3, over at Northwestern
4 University around the Chicago Neighborhood
5 Policing Initiative, which I'm just going to
6 refer to as CNPI or NPI. And for those of you
7 who are unfamiliar with this model, basically it
8 was launched sort of in 2019, the end of 2018,
9 and it was a model of neighborhood policing,
10 which was designed to change the way CPD
11 approached sort of the ground-level policing in
12 communities. And I'm going to talk a little bit
13 more what it was. But the goal was to link
14 officers directly with community residents. To
15 do problem solving literally in real-time on the
16 ground and to try to solve those problems outside
17 of traditional criminal justice framework.

18 And so the model, itself, involved
19 the new police role, which I'll talk about in a
20 second, a new community role, and an idea of the
21 coproduction of public safety. And on the police
22 side, it created a new police function, District
23 Coordinating Officer, or the DCO.

24 The goal of the DCO was to stay

1 within a police sector. To be assigned to a
2 police sector for an extended period of time,
3 minimum of a year, to get to know and work that
4 sector. To be off the radio, as it were, and to
5 invest their time directly with the community
6 liaison, which I will talk about in a second.

7 Beat officers were supposed to
8 remain in their beats and work towards beat
9 integrity, but the District Coordinating Officer,
10 the DCO, was supposed to be the on-the-ground
11 link, the person that was working with,
12 understanding, and soliciting feedback and
13 working with community partners. And the idea
14 was that this direct relationship between the DCO
15 and community ambassadors, in particular, which
16 was the new community arm of this model, that
17 they would problem solve together.

18 The community ambassador, through
19 this other side of the model called the Community
20 Engagement Model, would be the sort of
21 representation from that local neighborhood, from
22 that sector in particular. And they would work
23 side by side and develop ways to problem solve on
24 the ground with the DCO and the community

1 ambassador, and that would be the key point of
2 the relationship for some sorts of problems,
3 which I will talk about in a second.

4 But this actually emerged from a
5 program in New York of the same name, the
6 Neighborhood Policing Initiative, but really
7 tapped into one of the lessons we learned, both
8 from policing and community safety and social
9 science, this idea that the relationship between
10 an officer and a civilian and a resident, that
11 that relationship is the key to repairing trust
12 and building trust. And that if we build that
13 trust, we can improve perceptions of the police,
14 perceptions of government institutions, but also
15 increase community safety.

16 So this model was specifically
17 designed to build that relationship through the
18 DCO and this community engagement initiative, but
19 that link is the foundation for this model.

20 As researchers and evaluators, we
21 want to look at a bunch different questions, and
22 you are not going to be able to read all of these
23 quickly, but the idea that we wanted to
24 understand was over this period, which I'm going

1 to explain to you, is did this program establish
2 that infrastructure, that relationship? Was it
3 able to do that? Did it impact how officers,
4 especially the DCOs, performed and experienced
5 their roles? Did the officers feel different
6 about the work that they were doing. And on top
7 of that, did the residents of that community feel
8 more trust in the police? Did they experience
9 increases in returns to public safety? And did
10 that lead to any reductions in crime, right?

11 So our objective as evaluators was
12 really to interrogate that. Really to understand
13 would building this relationship translate into
14 sort of public safety that we all hope it did.

15 So what I'm going to briefly try to
16 do in the next ten minutes or so is talk about
17 the roll-out of the program, talk a little bit
18 about the research that we did, and then give you
19 of our sort of lessons learned at this very
20 crucial mark of the program, which is sort of
21 entering its pilot phase, and as we already have
22 heard, it's going to start to expand.

23 So just briefly for those of you
24 that don't know the evolution of this program, it

1 started in the 25th District on the west side in
2 2019, late 2018, early 2019, and expanded about a
3 year and a half later to the 15th District.

4 Since it's the Police Board and you
5 know about these districts, you already know that
6 there's -- you know, the 25th District is
7 predominantly Latino and the 15th District is
8 predominantly black and that they also vary a
9 little bit in their sort of overall levels of
10 violence and crime, with 15th District always
11 sort of being -- having the highest level of gun
12 violence and the 25th District kind of sitting
13 right in the middle.

14 So one largely Latino district, a
15 large district by the way, and one largely black
16 district is sort of where this piloted, where it
17 started. Starting in the 25th and progressing to
18 the 15th.

19 Today I'm going to be talking
20 about both of these districts. When I turn to
21 the quantitative results that didn't have an
22 impact on, we're still going to be focusing
23 largely on the 25th District.

24 So an important point about how we

1 approach this research, because we wanted to
2 understand both its impact and outcomes, like
3 perceptions of safety, but also on the residents,
4 what do the residents experience and the DCOs, we
5 used what we're going to call a mixed methods bit
6 of research.

7 And importantly, we wanted to track
8 the relationship. If the relationship between
9 the police and the community is what the program
10 is trying to understand, that's what we needed to
11 get out. That's what we needed to understand.

12 So we actually conducted a series
13 of interviews, about 90 interviews with over 60
14 officers over the last three years, almost 100
15 interviews with almost 40 community members, and
16 we did this basically every six months. So we
17 followed officers over time. We followed
18 community residents over time. And the idea was
19 to see how they were feeling as the program
20 unfolded.

21 We also conducted over 200 hours of
22 observations, roll calls, trainings, community
23 events, community ambassador meetings, all of the
24 things that were going on related to this

1 particular program. Really trying to not just
2 listen to what people are telling us, to observe
3 what they were doing. What people tell isn't
4 always what they do, and the goal is to try to
5 triangulate that from our perspective. And we
6 were granted some great access, both of community
7 members and police, of course, to carry out this
8 research.

9 We're also going to present to you
10 some quantitative information, some quasi
11 experimental analysis that tries to assess
12 whether or not this program impacted trust and
13 perceptions of safety, as well as crime rates and
14 911 calls, and that's where I'll kind of end.

15 I do want to point out, we're
16 talking about this now in 2021, but, of course,
17 we started this research in 2019, end of 2018 and
18 beginning of 2019.

19 And when you look at when we
20 conducted our interviews, this was already
21 planned out before the world changed because of
22 COVID and everything that happened in the summer
23 of 2020.

24 But our interviews were almost

1 perfectly timed throughout this last year to
2 track people's perceptions under some of the most
3 unique conditions in my lifetime in this City and
4 in this country.

5 And so the data we have, the
6 interviews we have, people's perceptions, not
7 just of CPD and the DCOs, but the criminal
8 justice system in our City are really coming at a
9 crucial time. So we are going to be learning a
10 lot more about this over time.

11 But I want to point out, it is
12 important to put this in context. It's not just
13 putting asterisks by 2018. It is understanding
14 what value we have of the things we learned
15 during this point.

16 So we'll briefly talk about what we
17 learned at baseline, right? What did we learn
18 when people were just starting this program?
19 What were residents thinking? What were police
20 officers thinking? I'm not going -- probably
21 some of these things are going to sound familiar.
22 But one of the biggest concerns from both
23 citizens and police was this issue of
24 responsiveness, right?

1 Residents would talk about police
2 were never there when you called them. Often
3 times there were too many cops there. And when
4 they were there, they weren't policing the things
5 you wanted them to police. Right?

6 So there was this multiple-layered
7 idea about responsiveness that community
8 residents were perceiving from police. This is a
9 common, common sort of criticism of policing, but
10 we also heard this there. Right?

11 Here is just a quote from one of
12 the residents talking about, We're either policed
13 too heavily or they're not around when we need
14 them.

15 From the police perspective, a lot
16 of the officers really felt like people just
17 didn't understand the way policing worked.

18 They didn't understand the fact
19 that there's a list of calls and they have to
20 follow protocol and respond to calls in a certain
21 fashion.

22 So it wasn't that they were
23 ignoring or wasn't that they were sort of didn't
24 believe what the residents were telling them,

1 that there were constraints to police work.

2 So there's this agreement that
3 responsiveness is a problem but a disagreement
4 around what was going on.

5 Probably one of the most
6 fundamental things -- and I won't go into too
7 much detail, and I do want to implore you to read
8 the report which has dozens of quotes and
9 experiences, was this idea that CPD and that
10 police officers didn't invest in relationships
11 with community members. Right?

12 What community members expressed
13 was, we want police to understand us. We want
14 police to understand our problems.

15 Diversity of both the police
16 department, but as well as sort of other
17 characteristics of the organization could get in
18 the way.

19 So if officers didn't speak the
20 language, if officers didn't understand the
21 culture or the history of the neighborhood, that
22 just showed further lack of disinterest or
23 disinvestment in the police.

24 And, again, as we've said and as

1 we've heard a lot in this City and this country,
2 this idea of levels of trust being at an all-time
3 low.

4 And, of course, this initiative
5 launched after the murder of Laquan McDonald, so
6 the City was really sort of struggling with this
7 and we continue to sort of wrestle with this.

8 Importantly, the west side of
9 Chicago has its own unique history which people
10 remember. People remember dogs and fire hoses in
11 the 1960s.

12 People have this ingrained into
13 how they understand the spaces they walk and what
14 they feel and see. And this comes up in
15 interviews as well. Right? That this is our
16 history of our community, and we want to
17 acknowledge it, and we want to understand how we
18 can move past this.

19 One of the key things we heard from
20 police and from community residents time and time
21 again was that a respectful relationship between
22 police and community is central to public safety.

23 Residents want police to know, and
24 some police and many police recognize this, that

1 there are vibrant institutions in these
2 communities that are doing public safety every
3 day when they're not around; that they have a
4 history of doing that. And that is really the
5 rich, social capital of the community that needs
6 to be bolstered and amplified and worked into
7 notions of public safety.

8 So at the onset of this program,
9 what we found was that the cops that were doing
10 the work, the cops that signed up to be DCOs, the
11 residents that were engaged and the residents
12 that were less engaged, all sort of agreed that
13 there were lots of things we needed to do. We
14 needed to help improve trust, and the way to do
15 that was through this fundamental relationship
16 that had to be respectful, which was essentially
17 what the program had hoped to do.

18 So what did we see during this
19 first year leading up to COVID? And as you can
20 expect, COVID will be an important shift
21 concerning this program.

22 But what we saw was that residents
23 and police were actually quite excited about the
24 gains they were seeing on the ground.

1 And a year ago before COVID, we
2 released our first report that talked about this.
3 That people were definitely starting to see
4 gains. Community residents were definitely
5 starting to see gains of their investment.
6 They're showing up to the meetings, they're going
7 to trainings, they're walking with cops, they're
8 bringing problems to the officers. And I can
9 give plenty of examples of what they did,
10 including helping people get into treatment,
11 helping local business owners, providing support
12 around walking kids to school. There were plenty
13 of examples that residents and police really
14 said, This is what we were talking about. Right?

15 At the same time, however, we
16 didn't see these effects spill over beyond those
17 that were directly involved. So less-engaged
18 residents, residents that weren't safe community
19 ambassadors kind of still felt like their
20 problems weren't being addressed, they were sort
21 of sitting on the outside.

22 But by and large, we were starting
23 to see positive gains in the sentiments that
24 people were expressing to us over time, the

1 people that were involved.

2 The other thing that we saw, which
3 is that officers that were doing this work in
4 that first year, were really excited about the
5 work. For many of them, this was the reason they
6 became police officers. This was the type of
7 work they wanted to do. And they felt like they
8 were starting to get a bit more recognition and
9 space to do that. And that was also -- from an
10 internal perspective, that was a big gain in the
11 program.

12 Even before COVID, there's a little
13 bit of difficulties that were already starting to
14 arise which we started to document. One was that
15 there was inconsistent CPD support and
16 perceptions of what the program was. Right?

17 So on the one hand, it was not
18 clear that, say, beat officers actually knew what
19 DCOs were doing. Right? And there was a lot of
20 confusion with the program itself and CAPS. And
21 every commander in every district has a slightly
22 different variation on what CAPS is. For these
23 DCOs that were supposed to have a very specific
24 task of partnering with the community ambassador

1 and solving problems, this idea of messaging and
2 support was already starting to come up early in
3 the program and making sure there were benefits
4 to sort of becoming an -- investing in that if
5 you were a DCO.

6 On the community side, there was
7 also a lot less investment both in terms of times
8 and resources on the community ambassadors. We
9 were asking essentially community volunteers to
10 get their time and effort to spend with police
11 officers, essentially training police officers in
12 their neighboring communities and weren't
13 receiving the same sort of support. Here's one
14 quote from a community ambassador. They like the
15 DCOs, it wasn't a critique on the DCOs, per se,
16 it was more a critique on, We need more support
17 and we're not getting it.

18 The final challenge, even before
19 COVID, and this is a problem that will become
20 worse during COVID, was officers weren't
21 getting -- the DCOs were not getting the sort of
22 time off the calls or the support to work with
23 the community ambassadors; that they were already
24 experiencing turnover when there wasn't supposed

1 to be turnover. They were already getting pulled
2 off of DCO assignments to go work on other
3 assignments. And that really took away from what
4 they could invest in those relationships.

5 In addition, because of this lack
6 of recognition of the work or lack of recognition
7 around this sort of returns to it, they felt like
8 it wasn't valued as much.

9 And so I'm going to make a quick
10 transition to what happened during COVID in the
11 summer of 2020. A lot of things, of course. So
12 I'll just kind of give you the high-level bullet
13 points, which is the restrictions, of course, had
14 some setbacks to partnerships and engagements. A
15 lot of this is based on face-to-face
16 interactions, showing up, bringing someone in
17 need to a particular center, whether it's a
18 homeless shelter or services, but that was the
19 link, the face to face, the interactions, the
20 dynamics, the personalities. And it's essential
21 to understand that even though it impeded the
22 ability to make those relationships, both
23 officers and community residents, they masked up,
24 as they told us, and still did the work. Both of

1 them. Both community residents and the cops,
2 they were out there doing the job, but it
3 hindered their ability to connect, especially to
4 connect with community.

5 The impact of national events. We
6 can spend time on this as you'd like, but it had
7 a deep impact on the trust that was being built.
8 For both residents and cops, they were -- this
9 was going to destroy the relationship and all the
10 work. That it wasn't just one step forward and
11 one step back, it was one step forward and 20
12 steps back. That there was a tension around both
13 being upset about what was going on in the world
14 and really also being upset because the DCOs were
15 pulled from their neighborhood. Right? They
16 wanted the DCOs that were supposed to be in their
17 neighborhood there, and they were often either
18 being pulled downtown or they, themselves, got
19 COVID.

20 So the turnover and the staffing
21 constraints, everything that happened in the
22 summer of 2020 was felt very powerfully on the
23 ground in these districts.

24 And last, but not least, of course,

1 everyone is dealing with the gun violence spike
2 in 2020, which has a very big impact on policing
3 and the lives of neighborhood residents, but also
4 pulled the resources and pulled DCOs away into
5 doing other sorts of things.

6 So I'll be very brief on this next
7 part.

8 But when we look to try to test
9 whether or not CNPI had an impact on trust and
10 perceptions of public safety, here -- and I
11 apologize. I know I'm running a little bit
12 longer than anticipated. We've been analyzing
13 the data on ELUCD, the monthly surveys that have
14 been going on in the City for some time that look
15 at and measure trust in the police and
16 perceptions of safety. And this provides us a
17 unique way to track these things over an extended
18 period of time. And what we did was we created
19 essentially a quasi experiment, a statistical
20 test that said, Did the start of NPI change
21 perceptions of trust and safety? Did it change
22 calls to 911? And did it change current levels
23 of crime or violence in those treatment districts
24 relative to the rest of the City?

1 And just when we look at these
2 trends, the City itself, here's what we see. And
3 this is important just to unpack this, because
4 the punch line here is the districts that had NPI
5 look just like the rest of the City. But when we
6 look at, say, trust, which is the figure on the
7 right here, what you see is levels of trust split
8 by the racial composition of the police sector.

9 We see that trust when this started
10 in 2017 leading up to the conviction of Jason Van
11 Dyke had basically started to plummet among black
12 Chicagoans and Hispanic Chicagoans and then
13 started to tick upward again after that
14 conviction.

15 But when COVID and the murder of
16 George Floyd happened, we had, again, started to
17 see the decline in trust. Timing right along
18 perfectly with these larger national events and
19 local events, which is when NPI started, we
20 essentially started to see small gains, but those
21 gains then reversed.

22 And without going into the details
23 of the report, what our statistical analysis
24 showed is that what happened in the 25th District

1 after this -- in these first two years by and
2 large followed the rest of the trends in the
3 City.

4 So there was no discernable impact
5 on these metrics based around the timing of NPI.

6 The question, of course, is why.
7 Maybe there weren't enough DCOs, maybe not wasn't
8 enough investment. We're trying to still
9 understand that. Maybe it was because officers
10 got pulled out and those relationships were
11 jeopardized because of COVID. Maybe it was the
12 spike in gun violence. Maybe it was the larger
13 national trend because it wasn't just Chicago.
14 We're still working on that. But what we saw was
15 these early gains and promise in the programs
16 really ended up just following the mirror and
17 City-wide trends, possibly in large part because
18 what happened in 2020.

19 So, in closing, we gave a series of
20 recommendations, both for the policing side and
21 the community side. And the policing side we
22 wanted to stress, Look, this can't just be a set
23 of trainings that people go to. This just can't
24 be a sticker that gets put on a squad car,

1 something that's checked off the box.

2 The police that were involved, and
3 more importantly the community residents that
4 were involved, believed that investing in that
5 relationship, giving officers the time to do that
6 and having a consistent message and making sure
7 that command staff and CPD understands that that
8 is a value -- they're not just valued, an
9 elevated role is crucial. And there are lots of
10 ways that could be done.

11 On the community side, we hope that
12 there will be some sort of investment in CEI,
13 likely from a City agency or some sort of person
14 that can coordinate this and to develop this role
15 that it has some level of authority and impact on
16 the decisions that are made, and that there has
17 to be a sustainable plan for operations that
18 coordinate between the community and the police.

19 So I've said a lot. I'll stop
20 talking there. I apologize for going a little
21 bit over. There is a lot more in the report,
22 including the quotes from DCOs and the community
23 residents, as well as all the statistical
24 analyses that kind go along that single figure I

1 showed you. So, thank you.

2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.

3 This was wonderful. I definitely want to try to
4 make sure that we have another opportunity to
5 talk and ask some questions. I think there are
6 some great lessons here that we can see for both
7 sides, from the police side, from the community
8 side. It's very obvious that this is -- you
9 know, the solutions are going to be -- going to
10 entail both community and police kind of working
11 hand in hand.

12 The report is available on the
13 Police Board's website or, Andy, if you want to
14 give the website, your website.

15 MR. PAPACHRISTOS: I'll put it in the chat
16 and then I'll go ahead and people can look at it
17 or Google it and will find it.

18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All right. Thank you
19 very much. We really appreciate your time.

20 Next up, a report of disciplinary
21 actions taken by the Board during the previous
22 month has been made available on the Board's
23 website. There are several police discipline
24 cases on this agenda this evening. The general

1 orders and other directives issued by the
2 Superintendent during the previous month are
3 posted on the Police Department's website.

4 I'll now ask Superintendent Brown
5 to give an oral report. And, Superintendent,
6 after your oral report, if there's any comments
7 that you would like to make with Andy as it
8 pertains to the study we just heard about.

9 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Right. Thank you,
10 Ghian. Just in the same vein as Andy discussed
11 with the DCO/NPI program, I'm a full, big
12 supporter of this program. We've expanded. I'm
13 looking for data to inform us on. We've got back
14 on track with building trust. Officers are
15 really excited about it. We cannot be successful
16 without building trust in the community. We've
17 done quite a few things related to the consent
18 decree I want to mention in a segue to changing
19 the culture. Number one, we revised our search
20 warrant policy; strengthening CPD's commitment to
21 human dignity, respect, professionalism, and by
22 improving our search warrant investigations and
23 developing procedures.

24 So in the coming days, we'll be

1 releasing the final draft of the search warrant
2 policy.

3 We are also putting in a new foot
4 pursuit policy that will be unveiled in the next
5 few days as well. That policy obviously was
6 something the Mayor called for.

7 I had implemented a foot pursuit
8 policy while I was chief in Dallas in 2012, so
9 I'm a big believer that foot pursuit policies
10 can, number one, make our officers safer. It can
11 also have better outcomes, making the offenders
12 fleeing us safer and the community at large
13 safer.

14 So look for those two policies to
15 be revealed here in the coming days.

16 I want to also mention a
17 significant increase in the program called Custom
18 Notifications. Custom Notifications are outlined
19 as it relates to the consequences of continuing
20 criminal behavior, and we offer individuals who
21 can either be offenders or victims, because
22 they've chosen -- made decisions to live a life
23 of crime. We go to their homes, knock on their
24 door with social services, and we make available

1 to them a list of services for them and their
2 families to help deter them from continuing down
3 a destructive path.

4 So far this year we made 290 custom
5 notifications. We've gone door-to-door to 290
6 homes and made social service offerings to
7 offenders and their families. Compare with 38
8 over the same period in 2020. So we've had a 663
9 percent increase in custom notifications. We're
10 going to continue to make offerings to people who
11 likely need services or their family needs
12 services to change their behavior.

13 We're starting a new pilot program
14 also. Chicago PD is starting the new officer
15 support system, which aims to identify and offer
16 support to officers who may be at risk for
17 adverse outcomes.

18 And as I wrap up this policy
19 discussion, since the consent decree's inception
20 for the last two years, we created or revised
21 over 111 policies, including use of force, hate
22 crimes, and First Amendment. And as part of our
23 ongoing accountability and reform efforts, we are
24 beginning electronically publishing

1 administrative summary reports as mandated by the
2 consent decree. These reports, they summarize
3 the Department's investigations of alleged
4 misconduct and can be reviewed on our
5 accountability dashboard.

6 And, finally, just a few stats to
7 close out. Our homicide clearance rates so far
8 this year have been between 56 percent and 61
9 percent. That's a significant increase in
10 clearance rates. Part of that reason is people
11 are coming forward and giving us information,
12 which really is, you know, kind of along the same
13 lines as when people trust you, they're likely to
14 help you do your job.

15 We've also recovered more than
16 4,000 guns so far this year. Each gun recovery,
17 as many of you know, it's a potential deadly
18 force encounter.

19 Finally, you know, we all know
20 Sunday morning two of our officers were shot.
21 They are at home recovering. And the medical
22 staff there at Mount Sinai expect them both to
23 make a full recovery. But 108 Chicago police
24 officers have been shot at or shot in the last 15

1 months. 108 officers shot at or shot in the last
2 15 months, with 16 officers shot during that
3 period. So an extraordinary increase.

4 The increase last year when we
5 ended 2020 was a 500 percent increase of officers
6 shot at or shot, and we are outpacing those
7 numbers from 2020 so far this year.

8 So it's a very dangerous time to be
9 a police officer. Most challenging time to be a
10 police officer.

11 But I will just add in closing, our
12 officers are rising to the occasion. They're
13 dedicated and committed. I've repeatedly
14 emphasized we must embrace change. We must
15 change our culture. But we also must again show
16 our appreciation for our officers' sacrifice and
17 all the hard work they put in in protecting the
18 people of Chicago.

19 So I will close with that. And,
20 Andy, I owe you a coffee because I really want to
21 pick your brain more on NPI and DCO and make sure
22 if there's any barriers you are hearing about,
23 that we move them out of the way, because I'm
24 just fully committed to this program.

1 Officers in the DCO program are so
2 excited to do the job that they hired on to do,
3 which is they want to serve the community. So,
4 Andy, coffee is on me whenever your calendar is
5 free.

6 I'll close with that. Back to you,
7 Mr. President.

8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. That's
9 wonderful. So, Andy, Police Board members and
10 Reverend Eaddy on the west side and Jorge, we
11 have a couple of other people we work closely
12 with, some other volunteers from the Chatham
13 area, and we'll also help along with those
14 efforts along with CPD in making sure that we can
15 get some good participation.

16 Next up, my pleasure to introduce
17 the Interim Chief Administrator Kersten, COPA
18 Chief Administrator

19 INTERIM CHIEF KERSTEN: Thank you, President
20 Foreman, for this opportunity to share.

21 I want to first begin by saying I'm
22 honored to serve the City of Chicago and its
23 residents, both civilian and sworn. I consider
24 it a privilege to have the opportunity to lead

1 COPA at this very important moment for police
2 reform and our country and specifically here in
3 the City of Chicago.

4 Like many of you, I view civilian
5 oversight as a critical and important component
6 of the broader police accountability system.

7 Civilian oversight can help usher
8 necessary reforms and serve as an instrument to
9 advance the culture of policing.

10 Perhaps most importantly, civilian
11 oversight also gives a voice to impacted
12 communities and can help build trust in our
13 systems of government.

14 Part of my responsibility during my
15 tenure at COPA over the last five years has been
16 to serve as a bridge to some of our external
17 stakeholders, including Cook County State's
18 Attorney's Office, the Cook County Public
19 Defender's Office, the Federal Bureau of
20 Investigations, U.S. Attorney's Office, and the
21 Chicago Police Department.

22 And in my role as Interim Chief
23 Administrator, I will continue to serve as a
24 bridge, but not only to those mentioned, but also

1 to impacted people, their families, advocates,
2 activists, and all those connected to this work.

3 When I first accepted this role, I
4 said to the Mayor, to COPA staff, to our advisory
5 council, and to a number of aldermen how
6 important continuity is for COPA in Chicago's
7 public safety system.

8 Since COPA launched in 2017, there
9 have certainly been challenges that we have
10 faced. But the gains we've made in our
11 investigative processes and outcomes are
12 transparency, and our community engagement have
13 positioned COPA and Chicago to be the City that
14 the nation looks to when you speak of true
15 civilian oversight. That continuity and forward
16 progress is the expectation that I and COPA as an
17 agency want the residents of Chicago to have and
18 to hold us accountable to.

19 At COPA, we have some of the most
20 talented and dedicated staff who understand the
21 great responsibility that has been given to us.
22 That's the responsibility to investigate
23 allegations of excessive force, Fourth Amendment
24 violations, verbal abuse, coercions, domestic

1 violence, and sexual misconduct, as well as to
2 investigate all officer-involved shootings and
3 deaths.

4 COPA will continue to meet this
5 mandate. I intend to support our staff and to
6 deliver to the residents of Chicago civilian
7 oversight that you can trust to conduct fair and
8 thorough investigations, investigations that are
9 built on our core values of integrity,
10 transparency, independence, and timeliness.

11 My commitment to you today is that
12 we as an agency will continue to respond, to show
13 up, to hear your complaints, to be transparent,
14 to conclude our investigations, and to make
15 crucial policy and disciplinary recommendations.

16 I further commit to seeking ways to
17 improve and refine COPA's performance in all
18 those important areas. And I will work to ensure
19 that COPA is the civilian oversight agency that
20 Chicago deserves and that our nation looks to as
21 a model.

22 Lastly, I would like to say thank
23 you to Sydney Roberts for her service to COPA and
24 also to the City of Chicago. Sydney came to COPA

1 at a time of uncertainty and provided leadership
2 that was necessary to both stabilize the agency
3 and to fully commit us to our mission. COPA is
4 truly thankful for her service.

5 Now, on to COPA's monthly updates.
6 During the month of April for 2021, COPA received
7 460 complaints. 88 of those complaints were
8 COPA's jurisdiction and investigations that we
9 will retain in our agency. And of those 88
10 investigations, 64 percent of them involved
11 improper search and seizure allegations or Fourth
12 Amendment violations.

13 And in recent history or recent
14 news coverage, a lot has been made of our
15 caseload and the age of our cases, so I wanted to
16 speak plainly about that.

17 In April of 2021, COPA had 1,758
18 open cases. 37 percent of those cases, or 629 of
19 them, are over 18 months old. We know as an
20 agency we need to reduce those numbers. And
21 we're already hard at work on the plan and
22 securing the resources to make that a reality.

23 In the month of April 2021, COPA
24 also responded to the scene of four different

1 officer-involved shootings and those
2 investigations are ongoing.

3 Last month we also concluded 88
4 different cases. And of the cases that included
5 allegations of misconduct against officers, 50
6 percent of those were sustained.

7 And then lastly, COPA closed in
8 April of 2021 the high-profile investigation into
9 the search warrant execution that occurred at
10 Anjanette Young's home.

11 COPA's investigation delved very
12 specifically into all of the facts and
13 circumstances surrounding what took place as
14 officers executed that search warrant.

15 Many of those events were recorded
16 and captured on body-worn camera video footage
17 and that footage was shared widely throughout our
18 City, our country, and even our world.

19 In addition to that, COPA also
20 looked very closely at the facts and
21 circumstances into the acquisition of that search
22 warrant, how it was that officers came to be in
23 Ms. Young's home with that search warrant on the
24 night in question.

1 During the course of our 16-month
2 investigation into this matter, COPA took two
3 separate opportunities to write to the Chicago
4 Police Department about potential policy and/or
5 community recommendations that were based on
6 lessons learned from that investigation in order
7 to help lend our voice to the ongoing
8 conversations and reform efforts the Department
9 was undertaking in that vein.

10 Our concluded investigation is
11 currently with the Chicago Police Department.
12 And we look forward to the Superintendent's
13 reviewing comment. Thank you so much for the
14 time this evening.

15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
16 And, again, welcome. And, yes, thank you for
17 that reminder. Thank you very much to the
18 efforts of Sydney. We worked very closely with
19 Sydney over the last several years, so she will
20 definitely be missed.

21 I'm now going to move to the
22 disciplinary cases. We have a few cases up
23 tonight.

24 The Police Board, as authorized by

1 The Open Meetings Act, has considered in a closed
2 meeting two police disciplinary cases.

3 The Board will now take final
4 action on these cases.

5 Regarding case number 20 PB 2972,
6 is there a motion to find Police Officer Clauzell
7 Gause not guilty of making a false statement
8 regarding his use of force and to restore him to
9 his position?

10 BOARD MEMBER CROWL: This is Matthew Crawl.
11 So moved.

12 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Steve Flores. Second.

13 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I will now call on
14 members of the Board for their votes. Wolff.

15 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Opposed.

16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Crawl.

17 BOARD MEMBER CROWL: Aye.

18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Eaddy.

19 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Opposed.

20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Flores.

21 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Aye.

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes.

23 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Aye.

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sweeney.

1 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Aye.

2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Zopp.

3 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Aye.

4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I vote against the
5 motion.

6 Voting in favor are Board members,
7 Crawl, Flores, Montes, Sweeney, and Zopp. Voting
8 against the motion are Board members Wolff,
9 Eaddy, and myself. The motion passes by a vote
10 of five to three.

11 Is there a motion to adopt written
12 findings and decisions and dissent that have all
13 been reviewed by all Board members who
14 participated in this case?

15 BOARD MEMBER CROWL: This is Matthew Crawl.
16 So moved.

17 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Steve Flores. Second.

18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

19 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

21 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Yes. Sorry. Got it.

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

23 (NO RESPONSE.)

24 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Been a long day.

1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.

2 Regarding case number 21 PB 2992-2,
3 the Superintendent filed charges against Police
4 Officer Michael Michalik, recommending that he be
5 discharged from the Chicago Police Department for
6 making a false report. The Superintendent
7 subsequently moved to withdraw these charges
8 because Michalik resigned his position with CPD.
9 Is there a motion to grant the Superintendent's
10 motion?

11 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved. Paula
12 Wolff.

13 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

14 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I will now call on
15 members of the Board for their vote. Wolff.

16 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Aye.

17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Crawl.

18 BOARD MEMBER CROWL: Aye.

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Eaddy.

20 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Aye.

21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Flores.

22 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Aye.

23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes.

24 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Aye.

1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sweeney.

2 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Aye.

3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Zopp.

4 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Aye.

5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I vote in favor of
6 the motion.

7 Voting in favor are Board Members
8 Wolff, Crawl, Eaddy, Flores, Montes, Sweeney,
9 Zopp, and myself. The motion passes by a vote of
10 eight to zero.

11 The written findings in the cases
12 on which the Board took final action this evening
13 will be entered as of today's date, sent to the
14 parties, then posted on the Board's website.

15 There are two additional
16 disciplinary matters to announce this evening.

17 Board Members Sweeney and Wolff
18 will make these announcements.

19 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Okay. Pursuant to
20 Section 2-78-130 of the Municipal Code of
21 Chicago, I considered one matter on which the
22 Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of
23 Police Accountability and the Superintendent of
24 Police did not agree regarding the discipline of

1 two officers.

2 The request for review number 21-04
3 and 05, Chief Administrator Roberts recommended
4 that Lieutenant Augustin Salgado be suspended for
5 90 days for using excessive force and other
6 misconduct on May 31st, 2020. She recommended
7 that Commander Chris Papaioannou be suspended for
8 seven days for failing to complete a report on
9 this use of force. Superintendent Brown
10 recommended less discipline for both officers.

11 After considering this matter, it
12 is my opinion that the Superintendent did not
13 meet the burden of overcoming the Chief
14 Administrator's recommendation for discipline.

15 A copy of the written opinion will
16 be posted on the Board's website as required by
17 the Municipal Code.

18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

19 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: And I considered one
20 matter on which the Chief Administrator of the
21 Civilian Office of Police Accountability and the
22 Superintendent of Police did not agree regarding
23 the discipline of six officers.

24 In request for review numbers 21-06

1 through 11, Chief Administrator Roberts
2 recommended that Field Training Officer Mark
3 Johnson be discharged from the Chicago Police
4 Department and recommended that Officers Lawrence
5 Kerr, Timothy Mason, Lauren Holt, Pierre
6 Williams, and Sergeant Alma Price be suspended
7 for misconduct during an incident involving
8 Bernard Kersh on November 28th, 2019, near a bus
9 stop at the corner of 79th and Cottage Grove.

10 Superintendent Brown disagreed with
11 certain findings and recommended less discipline
12 for the six officers.

13 After considering this matter, it
14 is my opinion that the Superintendent did not
15 meet the burden of proof of overcoming the Chief
16 Administrator's recommendation for discipline.

17 A copy of the written opinion will
18 be posted on the Board's website as required by
19 the Municipal Code.

20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.

21 As we move to the public comments
22 section of the meeting, I would like to remind
23 everyone of the Board's policy on participation
24 at these meetings. We value your comments and

1 questions on police-related matters, and we will
2 treat you with courtesy and respect. We expect
3 all members of the public to treat everyone at
4 this meeting in a similar matter.

5 I will now call upon members of the
6 public who signed up in advance to speak. Each
7 speaker will be unmuted after I call his or her
8 name.

9 Max, is there something that the
10 callers will need to do to unmute?

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAPRONI: Yes, the
12 callers can press *6 on their phones and they
13 will be unmuted. They can control themselves and
14 be unmuted.

15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Wonderful. Our first
16 speaker is Zakiyya Muhammad.

17 MS. MUHAMMAD: Thank you very much. Good
18 evening. Can everyone hear me okay?

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, ma'am.

20 MS. MUHAMMAD: Okay. I would like -- I have
21 three concerns, and it's about COPA, Civilian
22 Office of Police Accountability. And it's
23 supposed to represent transparency. Or bring
24 about transparency.

1 I would like for someone on the
2 Police Board or the Police Superintendent to,
3 number one, give me a rundown on COPA's
4 investigation on those 12 policemen who illegally
5 raided and searched Anjanette Young's home for 45
6 minutes with their guns drawn as she stood naked
7 screaming, "You have the wrong house."

8 Number two. Since 2019, COPA has
9 been investigating Mr. George Blakemore's case, a
10 77-year-old activist that was brutalized by a
11 Chicago policeman at a planning and development
12 meeting in City Hall.

13 Now, the results of a mishandling
14 of the 77-year-old Mr. Blakemore caused him to
15 have brain surgery from the blow to his head
16 because of the policeman. What is the rundown on
17 that case?

18 Finally, the two or three white
19 police who beat Mr. Ghian Foreman, who is the
20 President of the Police Board, what's the rundown
21 on this case, on these white policemen?

22 Only and only when police are
23 charged for these kinds of cases will there be
24 trust rebuilt in our community.

1 Only when that happens will there
2 be trust rebuilt in the communities, because now
3 we are charging genocide on this system of racism
4 and white supremacy.

5 Please, someone, can you answer
6 those three concerns for me tonight?

7 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Well, so I can answer
8 this. I think that COPA, the Chief just reported
9 that they just wrapped up the Anjanette Young
10 investigation.

11 The other investigations certainly
12 are still open, so I'm pretty sure that you can't
13 comment. Is that accurate, Chief? That's
14 accurate.

15 I can certainly report on mine. I
16 never said if the officer who hit me was white,
17 Latino, Native American, Asian, black. I never
18 said anything like that. So that's definitely
19 still being investigated. But I don't think that
20 we should make this about a white police officer,
21 something like that. This is about police
22 officers and some of the actions that COPA is
23 recommending. All of these things are still
24 open.

1 But as it relates to me, I can
2 definitely say that and that race is a completely
3 separate issue.

4 MS. MUHAMMAD: You said they wrapped up
5 Anjanette's case?

6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes. Chief, would you
7 like to speak to that?

8 INTERIM CHIEF KERSTEN: Thank you for the
9 time. Yes, we did conclude that investigation
10 last month in April. And currently with the
11 Chicago Police Department --

12 MS. MUHAMMAD: Can I just --

13 INTERIM CHIEF KERSTEN: -- for their review,
14 and then they comment on our findings. That's
15 part of the way the system works, and that's the
16 stage that case is in right now.

17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

18 Our next speaker, Robert McKay.
19 Robert McKay.

20 Next speaker, Jennifer Edwards.

21 MS. EDWARDS: Good evening. Can you hear
22 me?

23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, ma'am.

24 MS. EDWARDS: Tonight we will report on an

1 upcoming event and stats from our first and
2 second walks in our area.

3 Our third area business walk is
4 scheduled for June 4th, 2021, beginning at 9:30
5 a.m. Community group members from several
6 organizations will convene at 72nd and State
7 Street and proceed to 69th and State and continue
8 from 71st and State to 71st and Indiana. One
9 team will be with the first group, one team will
10 be with the second. We will organize in teams
11 walking with City agencies as we conduct our
12 observations.

13 The purpose of this walk is to make
14 sure that the businesses in our communities are
15 in compliance with City, County and State
16 licensing requirements, to identify the owners
17 and their agents responsible for the day-to-day
18 operation of those businesses.

19 We recognize that crime has
20 occurred at or around some of the businesses in
21 our area. It is also meant to show a partnership
22 between the community and the governmental
23 agencies responsible for the health and safety of
24 the residents there.

1 We have contacted and are asking
2 for the assistance of CPD, BACP, Streets and San,
3 Department of Buildings, CFD, Cook County Sheriff
4 officers, and the Board of Health. As of today,
5 we have not heard from the Department of Public
6 Health and the Department of Buildings.

7 We request your assistance and have
8 included two e-mails to Marlene Hopkins of the
9 Department of Buildings. We will send that to
10 you. We hope you can assist us in this endeavor.

11 A few stats from our first two
12 walks. 14 percent of our observations showed
13 cleanliness problems. 24 percent signs covered
14 windows and building issues. 14 to 20 percent
15 engaged with the trespassing affidavits.
16 Illegal activity was observed for businesses
17 closed up when they saw us and the people
18 scattered.

19 We thank you for your help in
20 connecting our community with the Chicago Police
21 Department.

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Ms. Edwards,
23 if you get the information to me, I will be sure
24 to connect with the Building Department and

1 Streets and Sanitation.

2 MS. EDWARDS: Okay. Thank you.

3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Next speaker, Eunice
4 Chatman-Regis.

5 MS. CHATMAN-REGIS: Hello. Can you hear me?

6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, ma'am. Good
7 evening.

8 MS. CHATMAN-REGIS: Good evening again. I
9 thank you for your concerns for our issues, but
10 we still have problems in Chatham. 79th Eberhart
11 Block Club members and other members have been
12 calling 911. Family Fresh Market at 457 East
13 79th Street is still a problem.

14 There was another loiter yesterday
15 that parked his motorcycle on the curb outside
16 the store and there are loiters outside the store
17 and on the corner.

18 The business owner has already
19 signed a no trespassing affidavit. There's
20 security personnel inside, but he continues to
21 harbor these people, and most of them don't live
22 in the neighborhood and promote illegal activity.

23 April 2021, another community walk
24 was conducted, included COW, our block club, 6th

1 District also, Monica Hughes, the sergeant and
2 members of her CAPS team, representatives from
3 BACP, some members of the Cook County Sheriff's
4 Department, and other concerned Chatham
5 residents. The walk started at a vacant lot at
6 79th and Maryland, continued on westward on 79th
7 Street and Cottage, and we introduced ourselves
8 to the businesses, informed them of the City
9 ordinances, and they are not supposed to cover
10 windows and some signed no trespassing
11 affidavits.

12 457 East 79th Street was visited
13 again.

14 Last week, Deputy Chief Snelling of
15 Area 2 called me to inform me he would be talking
16 to Commander Ben of the 6th District and perhaps
17 a patrol car can be temporarily stationed at 79th
18 and Eberhart.

19 That corner is a haven of gathering
20 of freewheeling, illegal behavior. He encouraged
21 us to keep making calls to 911.

22 There's a problem at 430 through
23 432 East 80th Street between Eberhart and Vernon.

24 There's an apartment building that

1 has been found to have prostitution and drugs.
2 They've had -- they have police right there, but
3 the police knew about it. As soon as the police
4 left, they came back. We need help.

5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.

6 Next speaker, Matt Brandon.

7 MR. BRANDON: Good evening, President
8 Foreman, Superintendent Brown, and members of the
9 Board, and members of the community. This is
10 just a thank you, particularly to Superintendent
11 Brown. Your police department continues to
12 assist us here in 3 and 6. We want to expand it
13 to 4, 5 and 7. But hats off to Deputy Snelling
14 and Talley, Commanders Watson and Ben, the CAP
15 teams. And we're working well together. We're
16 expanding the work that we do. And they're
17 always only a phone call away. Hats off to you,
18 Superintendent. Thank you.

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.

20 Next speaker, John Perryman.

21 MR. PERRYMAN: Good evening, Mr. Foreman.
22 This is the one-year anniversary of me bringing
23 issues, so I'd like to respectfully ask for one
24 extra minute to speak. I'm respectfully asking.

1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I'll let you go a little
2 bit over.

3 MR. PERRYMAN: All right. My name is John
4 Perryman. I am here once again to ask for help
5 regarding a large drug market on the west side
6 which is rendering our one large park unusable
7 and creating increasingly dangerous situations.

8 I actually brought this concern up
9 at a Police Board meeting one year ago last May,
10 and you said, Superintendent, and I'm quoting,
11 "We have some things in the works and I think you
12 will be well pleased."

13 Well, here we are, and I think it
14 goes without saying that I am not well pleased.

15 The corner's as bad as ever, if not
16 worse, than it was when I first brought this
17 issue to the commander of the 11th District last
18 March.

19 Superintendent, I've met with you
20 twice. I met with the new Commander and Deputy
21 Chief, along with Commander Brown of the
22 narcotics unit. And now the drug market is
23 larger.

24 For the past four months, I have

1 been told that something big is going to happen,
2 it's going to help.

3 Just today, Deputy Chief Cato told
4 me something is coming soon. I don't believe
5 him. It's been a year. I refuse to be strung
6 along anymore. It's not fair to our community.

7 I've also reached out to Vance
8 Henry in the Mayor's Office and he told me the
9 Mayor's Office would help. I have not heard from
10 Mr. Henry or the Mayor's Office in the past two
11 months.

12 You actually placed a squad car on
13 the corner at one point. The drug dealers moved
14 on about a hundred feet away from the squad car
15 and carried on with business as usual.

16 The uniformed officer couldn't be
17 bothered to turn his head to see things, then
18 moved his car.

19 The damage to the community has
20 grown and grown over this time. Guns have been
21 purchased with the money earned on this corner.

22 Children have been recruited by the
23 gangs over this time. Storefronts have remained
24 empty because no legitimate business can exist in

1 this space.

2 I hope that everyone who hears me
3 month after month talk about this same specific
4 issue is starting to understand that something is
5 fundamentally wrong with the policing in our
6 community.

7 Small problems are allowed to
8 fester and grow until the police can't stop them,
9 even if they are trying. I'm almost done.

10 We are having a crisis of
11 leadership. We have delegated a Commander
12 McKenzie and Deputy Chief Cato, but they couldn't
13 improve the situation. They won't even own their
14 own failure.

15 So here's my ask to you. Can you
16 please take some time tomorrow morning to pick up
17 the phone and make something happen? You are the
18 top cop in Chicago. It is becoming obvious that
19 you are the only person who can help at this
20 point.

21 Your commanders and deputy chiefs
22 need to see you showing by example how you can
23 use your position and expertise to help a
24 neglected part of our City. So is that something

1 you can do tomorrow morning, Superintendent?

2 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: You want me to go
3 ahead and answer?

4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sure.

5 MR. PERRYMAN: Yes, please.

6 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Mr. Perryman, I had a
7 report sent to me today regarding what's happened
8 in the area you've identified, the park area
9 where the open-air drug sales have been
10 occurring. This is the report. I'm going to
11 just read it out. There have been no shootings
12 or homicides in this area, no robberies. There
13 have been --

14 MR. PERRYMAN: Yet. Yet.

15 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: There have been nine
16 arrests. There have been four guns recovered.
17 And the officers have conducted investigative and
18 traffic stops at a very high level in the area as
19 well.

20 There have been four ShotSpotter
21 alerts there. But, again, there's been four guns
22 recovered as a result of their response. And the
23 narcotics division has made arrests as well
24 through several operations.

1 Again, we can always do more, but
2 you're likely one of the few areas on the west
3 side that's had zero shootings and zero homicides
4 and no robberies within the last 30 days.

5 We'll continue to do more and work
6 the area, because I do understand how pervasive
7 open-air drug sales are. It's really the demand
8 for drugs that's driving what you complain about,
9 not necessarily the inaction of the police
10 officers.

11 So the demand for drugs are high on
12 the west side as we all know. But --

13 MR. PERRYMAN: If I can respond to that
14 specifically. It's so easy to buy drugs --

15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Go ahead,
16 Superintendent.

17 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Just in the April
18 time --

19 MR. PERRYMAN: It's so easy to buy drugs.

20 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Well, I'll just stop
21 there, Ghian. But pretty good outcomes that the
22 Commander and the Area Deputy Chief Cato sent to
23 me regarding the area we focused on.

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All right. Thank you

1 very much. Mr. Perryman, we have to move on.
2 One of the things, as we've talked privately, you
3 know, this is a challenge, not just for your
4 block. This is a challenge that impacts the
5 entire City.

6 You hear month after month a group
7 from Chatham speak of some of the challenges they
8 have. I can introduce you to them and you can
9 hear some of the things they are trying, if you
10 would like.

11 We don't have a lot of time to go
12 back and forth with the Superintendent today.

13 Next speaker, Flora Suttle. Ms.
14 Suttle, if you can press *6. Ms. Suttle. I'll
15 try you again. Ms. Suttle, if you're still
16 there.

17 Next speaker, Mr. George Blakemore.
18 Mr. Blakemore, welcome. We've missed you. Mr.
19 Blakemore, if you can press *6. I don't even
20 think you were muted. Mr. Blakemore. Mr.
21 Blakemore.

22 MS. SUTTLE: This is Ms. Suttle when you're
23 ready.

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Ms. Suttle, go ahead.

1 MS. SUTTLE: Thank you. Good evening,
2 Superintendent, members of the Police Board, and
3 the new Chief Administrator of COPA. I really
4 appreciate your report on the statistics of what
5 COPA has been doing and the transparency of that.

6 But as always, I'm calling because
7 my son Derrick Suttle was killed on February
8 11th, 2012, by an off-duty Chicago police officer
9 who was in uniform. And I requested since 2016
10 that COPA reopen this case. I submitted
11 information, and I have not heard anything back
12 from COPA, your predecessor.

13 And so I'd like to know the status
14 of my request to be opened on that case.

15 And I'd also like for the Deputy
16 Inspector General of Public Safety, Deborah
17 Witzburg, to comment if she had something to add
18 on the reopening of Derrick Suttle's case.

19 And to end this, I'd like to thank
20 the 2nd District, third watch, for the
21 outstanding service that they provided to me and
22 my family last night. They were -- I don't
23 remember everybody's name, but I know two of them
24 were from 984. Thank you very much. That's it.

1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief, would you like to
2 respond?

3 INTERIM CHIEF KERSTEN: So thank you for
4 your patience as I'm coming up to speed on what
5 your request is pending for.

6 I know that we recently received
7 some additional information, some of which did
8 come by way of the Inspector General's Office.
9 So we thank Deputy of Public Safety Witzburg for
10 that. And that's under review. I look forward
11 to the opportunity for you and I to have further
12 conversation about this.

13 As always, I know you know how to
14 reach Ephraim Eaddy, our Public Information
15 Officer. I would encourage you to go through
16 him, as well, to facilitate some of those
17 conversations.

18 We are making this a top priority
19 to get you a resolution on your request.

20 MS. SUTTLE: Thank you very much. You were
21 kind of muffled. But thank you very much.

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Ms. Witzburg, anything
23 you would like to add?

24 DEPUTY INSPECTOR WITZBURG: Just to say that

1 as Chief Kersten mentioned, our recommendation is
2 pending with COPA. We are awaiting a response
3 from COPA.

4 MS. SUTTLE: Okay. Appreciate your comment.
5 Thank you.

6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Mr. George Blakemore.
7 Mr. Blakemore. The phone is not muted. If you
8 can hear me, you can just start speaking. All
9 right. We will move past Mr. Blakemore.

10 Next speaker, Mr. Robert More. Mr.
11 Robert More.

12 MR. MORE: Hello. Can you hear me?

13 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Mr. More, you have to
14 turn off one of your two devices.

15 MR. MORE: Am I ready to go?

16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, sir.

17 MR. MORE: All right. Material which Robert
18 J. More cannot get into this meeting tonight may
19 or may not be posted in the Institute of Saint
20 Michael the Archangel website, URL
21 JN21-15PR0TCTR.tripod.com, Robert More with
22 weathered law book page image YouTube channel,
23 because the objective of all this is to control
24 the presentation of the state of mind of the

1 chief policymaker of this policing entity.

2 That's priority number one.

3 But Robert J. More's stance is,
4 still gets to collect hundreds of thousands of
5 dollars in various causes of action against the
6 City of Chicago and to get criminal convictions
7 of the perpetrators of official misconduct for
8 all kinds of violations of 18 USC 242, 241, 1346.
9 It spans 20 years with the City of Chicago
10 corruption criminality.

11 Regarding Jason Van Dyke. 16 shots
12 at a fleeing suspect. Murder. The charges
13 should be instituted on 18 USC 242 and pursue the
14 death penalty. 16 shots. This guy got a slap on
15 the wrist. He is going to be back out here in
16 like three or four years. That's ridiculous.

17 There's no statute of limitations
18 given that Laquan McDonald died as a consequence
19 of the constitutional deprivation. So there's no
20 justification.

21 I don't have time. I got to fight
22 Lucifer at the top. Okay? To deal with all
23 these individual cases. They're wrongs on top of
24 wrongs on top of wrongs.

1 Now, the biggest problem is there's
2 a blue-whale-sized crocodile in the only watering
3 hole that exists on the Serengeti. Okay? That's
4 it. It's ten families who do not believe that
5 non-Jews are human beings. That's it. They push
6 the buttons and pull the strings, everything
7 else. The puppets move off of this.

8 The problems in Englewood were
9 produced by these same individuals. Read
10 Cloward-Piven. They produced in 1960 their fear
11 of black broken families than there are white
12 broken families. This is all manufactured --

13 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sorry, Mr. More. Your
14 time is up.

15 Mr. Blakemore, give it one more
16 shot. Mr. Blakemore. George Blakemore. If you
17 can press *6 to unmute, Mr. Blakemore.

18 At this time, all members of the
19 public who signed up to speak have been called.
20 Is there a motion to adjourn?

21 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved. Paula
22 Wolff.

23 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes and

1 the meeting is adjourned.

2 Thank you very much, everyone.

3 Good night.

4 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings
5 were adjourned at 8:38 p.m.)

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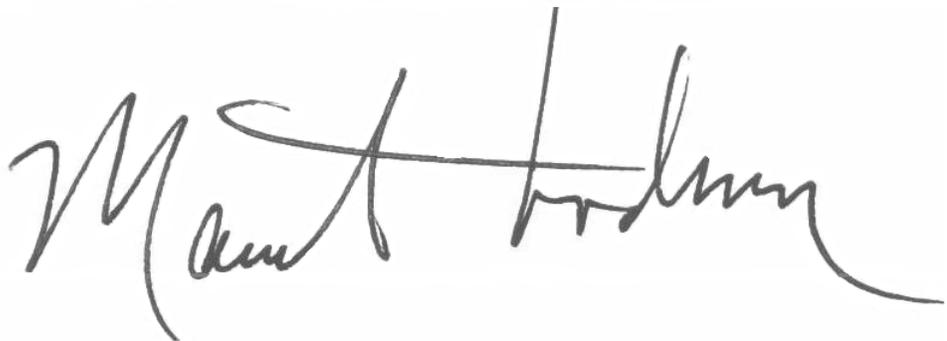
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9 true and correct transcript of her shorthand
10 notes, so taken as aforesaid, and contains all
11 the proceedings of said hearing.
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